	1988	*1989*	*1990*
Dead	68	57	48
Injured	376	451	397

(b) The existing road is already of two lane width.

(c) Expenditure on maintenance and repairs is kept division-wise by the state PWD. In the last three years, the amount spent byRaipur Division for maintenance of National Highways including Durg-Raipur Section is as follows:-

Year	*Rs. lakhs*
1988-89	114.59
1989-90	150.72
1990-91	144.22

(d) The work of maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh is entrusted to the State PWD as the agency of the Central Government.

Modernisation of Vijayanta and T-55 Tanks

5957. SHRI B.H. VIJAYA KUMAR RAJU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in completion of the modernisation project of upgrading the Vijayanta and Soviet T-55 Tanks; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for early completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). The modernisation/ upgradation programme of the Vijayanta and the Soviet T-55 tanks covers a number of scheme, some of which involve containing research and development and technology adaptation effort. These efforts include a process of continuous trial and experimentation to achieve the desired objectives. Adherence to strict, pre-determined time schedules is not always possible in such situations, particularly as all the activities have to be adjusted to resource availability.

Export by chemical, dye stuff and Pharmaceutical Industries

5958. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the undercut procedure being adopted by the Indian companies manufacturing and exporting chemicals, dye-stuffs and pharmaceuticals and recording lower export turnover while the volume of export has increased; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). No Minimum Export Price (MEP) has been fixed for exports of chemicals, dye-stuffs and pharmaceuticals and such, exporters of these products are free to quote any price, they find suitable depending on factors like prevalent prices in importing country, profit margins, trade relationship and efforts to open new market/sustain exports at existing level. Therefore, prices quoted by Indian exporters may vary from time to time.

[*Translation*]

National Highways in Rajasthan

5959. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the details of National Highways in Rajasthan, their total length and the places upto which these highways extend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a). The requisite details are as under:-